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Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. to declare October as "National Cyber Security Awareness Month"

The State of Utah and the Utah Education Network (UEN) are joining with the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to declare October as "Cyber Security Awareness Month."

On September 29th Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. will sign a declaration declaring October as Cyber Security Awareness Month. The press is invited to attend the signing on September 29th at 1:00 p.m. in the East Building of State Capitol Complex suite 220.

National Cyber Security Awareness Month, first established in October 2004, is a collective effort to raise cyber security awareness nationwide and to empower citizens, businesses, government, and schools to improve their cyber security preparedness and ensure a safe Internet experience. The State of Utah acts as a resource for gathering information from the federal government and other states on cyber threats to critical infrastructure and provides two-way sharing of information between and among the states and, ultimately, with local governments and the business community. The State of Utah and the Utah Education Network, along with other States and the NCSA, provide materials to facilitate the delivery of the National Cyber Security Awareness campaign message.

UEN, a statewide partnership of public education and higher education, will also promote the month-long event to educators stakeholders through its Web site, www.uen.org, electronic newsletters and ongoing professional development courses.

As part of the National Cyber Security Awareness Campaign, a "Toolkit" of information and handouts is being made available to the citizens of Utah. The purpose of the Toolkit is to promote the delivery of a consistent cyber security awareness message. Some of the information in the Toolkit includes:

- Cyber Security Awareness Brochures, Posters, Calendars
- Cyber Security Awareness Tips
- Archived National Webcast of Initiative Broadcasts and Documentation

More information and material for the public is being made available online at http://security.utah.gov/awareness.

With the onslaught of new online threats, such as identity theft and spyware, encouraging safe online behavior is a public policy priority. Please join with us to educate as many as



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possible in our great state, and to raise awareness of staying safe online. Let's get the message to our local communities, employees, and, especially, our school children.

In conjunction with National Cyber Security Awareness month, the State of Utah is announcing a new program to help increase awareness and educate State employees on their role in protecting critical state information. The new security awareness Web site is currently only assessable to State employees. The new site will educate employees on the State security policies and quiz them on their knowledge of cyber security. Employees will learn about the security program, affective use of IT resources, information management, remote access, Internet safety, backups, and PC basics.

Other Resources include:

NCSA Cyber Security Awareness Web site www.staysafeonline.info

Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center web site www.cscic.state.ny.us/msisac/

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